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their acknowledged rights, particularly when they violate the right to life itself. If a belligerent cannot retaliate against an enemy without injuring the lives of neutrals, as well as their property, humanity, as well as justice and a due regard for the dignity of neutral powers, should dictate that the practice be discontinued. If persisted in it would in such circumstances constitute an unpardonable offense against the sovereignty of the neutral nation affected. The government of the United States is not unmindful of the extraordinary conditions created by this war, of the radical alterations of circumstances and method of attack produced by the use of instrumentalities of naval warfare which the nations of the world cannot have had in view when the existing rules of international law were formulated, and it is ready to make every reasonable allowance for these novel and unexpected aspects of war at sea; but it cannot consent to abate any essential or fundamental right of its people because of a mere alteration of circumstance. The rights of neutrals in time of war are based upon principle, not upon expediency, and the principles are immutable. It is the duty and obligation of belligerents to find a way to adapt the new circumstance to them.

The events of the past two months have clearly indicated that it is possible and practicable to conduct such submarine operations as have characterized the activity of the Imperial German navy with the so-called war zone in substantial accord with the accepted practices of regulated warfare. The whole world has looked with interest and increasing satisfaction at the demonstration of that possibility by German naval commanders. It is manifestly possible, therefore, to fit the whole practice of submarine attack above the criticism which it has aroused and removed the chief causes of offense.

In view of the admission of illegality made by the Imperial German government when it pleaded the right of retaliation in defense of its acts, and in view of the manifest possibility of conforming to the established rules of naval warfare, the government of the United States cannot believe that the Imperial German government will longer refrain disavowing the wanton act of its naval commander in sinking the Lusitania or from offering reparation for the American lives lost, so far as reparation can be made for a needless destruction of human life by an illegal act.

The government of the United States while not indifferent to the friendly spirit in which it is made, cannot accept the suggestion of the Imperial German government that certain vessels be designated and agreed upon which shall be free on the seas now illegally prescribed. The very agreement would, by implication, subject other vessels to illegal attack and would be a curtailment and therefore an abandonment of the principles for which this government contends and which in times of calmer counsels every nation would concede as of course.

The government of the United States and the Imperial German government are contending for the same great object, have long stood together in urging the very principles, upon which the government of the United States now so solemnly insists. They are both contending for the freedom of the seas. The government of the United States will continue to contend for that freedom, from whatever quarter violated without any compromise and at any cost. It invites the practical cooperation of the Imperial German government at this time when cooperation may accomplish most and this great common object be most strikingly and effectively achieved.

The Imperial German government expresses the hope that this object may be in some measure accomplished even before the present war ends. It can be understood the government of the United States feels not only obliged to insist upon it whensoever violated or ignored, in the protection of its own citizens but is also deeply interested in seeing it made practicable between the belligerents themselves and holds itself at any time to act as the common friend who may be privileged to suggest a way.

In the meantime the very value which this government sets upon the long and unbroken friendship between the people and government of the United States and the people and government of the German nation impels it to press very solemnly upon the Imperial German nation the necessity for a scrupulous observance of neutral rights in this critical matter. Friendship itself prompts it to say to the Imperial government that repetition by the commanders of German naval vessels of acts in contravention of those rights must be regarded by the government of the United States, when they affect American citizens, as deliberately unfriendly.

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Improper Suspenders.

A surgeon lecturing to a class of hospital nurses in an English training school recently conjured his hearers to persuade their fathers, brothers, husbands or sweethearts to wear hygienic suspenders. It seems that the customary braces, which are dual in front but single behind, bring the strain in the wrong place and cause stooping and narrow-chestedness. These misguided suspenders are even the regulation pattern in the British army.

This is one of the things they do better in Germany. German army braces are double at the back as well as the front. A separate strap goes straight up and straight down over each shoulder, bringing the strain fair and square on the top of the shoulder. These are the kind that, according to this medical authority, we all ought to wear.

Salic Law.

The so-called Salic law is a collection of the popular laws of the Salic or Sallian Franks, a confederation of ancient Germanic tribes. These laws are said to have been committed to writing in the fifth century, and although several Latin texts exist, considerable obscurity rests over their history. The law relates principally to the compensation and punishment of crimes, and there is a chapter containing provisions regarding succession to what are called Salic lands. It is supposed to form the basis of the law by which females, and those who trace their descent from the royal house through females, are in some countries debarred from succeeding to the throne.

Hitting Warships.

In the recent North sea fights, it is said, most of the hits were made on the decks of the vessels by dropping shells which had reached a height of three miles in their curve. Curiously enough, a ship that is lighting end on her enemy is more likely to be hit than one in the broadside position. The gunner rarely misses his direction, so perfect are the modern sighting appliances; but the projectile may fall short or pass over the target. Therefore an end-on ship furnishes the best mark because it is longer.

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